

## **TOWN BOARD**

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a workshop on Monday, September 26, 2011 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:	Edward Magryta	----	Supervisor
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	Laurie R. Tautel	----	Council Member
	Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.	----	Council Member
	Justin Rider	----	Counsel
	June Patterson	----	Town Clerk
ABSENT:	William Edsall	----	Council Member

Supervisor Magryta opened the workshop at 7:35pm.

### **POLICE CHIEF**

Supervisor Magryta announced, that after many interviews and a lot of thought, the Town Board has decided to appoint John P. Quinn as the Town of Highlands Police Chief.

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to appoint John Quinn as the Police Chief for the Town of Highlands.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Livsey, Tautel)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Edsall)**

Chief Quinn thanked everyone for appointing him and said it is an honor to service for the Town of Highlands.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **OCTOBER TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Supervisor Magryta said that the regularly schedule Town Board meeting falls on a holiday, so he would like to combine a water workshop and regular meeting on Monday, October 3. The Supervisor would like to start the budget workshops on October 6 or 13.

The Board discussed the options.

Supervisor Magryta set the Regular Meetings for October 3 and 24 and will schedule budget workshops as needed.

**JUSTICE COURT PROPOSAL/REQUEST**

Justice Fatsis commended Capt. Stroppel and Council Member Livsey for their work with the Community Service Program.

Council Member Tautel spoke to the judges and they informed her that many weapons have been confiscated since they began using the Magnometer.

Council Member Tautel said the Court would like to transfer \$2,000 from the Reserve Fund to Justice Equipment Fund to purchase equipment to digitize their records.

Supervisor Magryta questioned whether the money would be coming from the Reserve or Contingency Fund.

Council Member Tautel said the Contingency Fund.

Supervisor Magryta will speak to Comptroller Blauvelt, but he doesn't see a problem.

**WATER DISTRICT II WORKSHOP**

Supervisor Magryta said the Board needs to discuss any questions they may have and determine what is the fairest for the residents.

Justin Rider said that at the last meeting the Board hoped to use something similar to the sewer point system for the water. Mr. Rider said the payment due back to the Town is \$374,000.

Supervisor Magryta asked if the Board was comfortable with the amount owed.

Council Member Tautel would like to do more research and talk on Monday.

Supervisor Magryta said he has broken it down into three categories: 1) will hook-up; 2) Future projects; and 3) No hope (inaccessible) – have no chance of getting water. The Supervisor said that if the property will never get water, the contribution should be low.

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Supervisor Magryta said that it is a big decision to determine which properties are assigned what. The Supervisor said that if the resident is able to hook-up and they choose not to, they should still have to pay for the bond.

Supervisor Magryta said it might be a good idea to have the engineer review the maps and make a determination. The Supervisor would like to speak to the engineer to get an objective opinion.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pharoby Ripa agrees with getting the engineer involved and she is impressed with the amount of work that Council Member Edsall did.

Greg Maher doesn't feel the sewer point system is fair.

Supervisor Magryta said the Board has two issues to deal with: 1) Time is not on the Board's side; and 2) The sewer point system has been the accepted system for over 10 years.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to go into executive session to discuss: Matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law. Board went into executive session at 9:05pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Livsey, Tautel)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Edsall)**

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 9:35pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Livsey, Tautel)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Edsall)**

### **ADJOURN**

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Livsey, Tautel)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Edsall)**

Attest,

